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The Civic League is the only citizen's organization in St. Louis devoted solely to getting better public service for us all.

Our local government is the biggest agency we have for building a better St. Louis. Our work for an efficient local government, controlled solely in the interests of the whole public, directly serves every member of the league as well as the whole city.

The membership of citizens who believe in this work for a better St. Louis is the League's sole means of support.

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THE CIVIC LEAGUE

Fifteenth Year Book

1916-17

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St. Louis, Mo.

February, 1917

THE PROGRAMME FOR 1917

I. Special Work.

1. Efficiency in city government—through establishing a Bureau of Municipal Research, maintaining the work of the Efficiency Board, and minimizing political control.
2. Active support of the campaign for non-partisan city elections; and for the act to make the school board appointive by the Mayor, to free the schools from the danger of political control.
3. General campaign for better housing.

II. Committee Work.

A. Better Government.

1. Establishment of civic clubs in each school district.
2. Establishment of civic clubs in High Schools.
3. Follow all city legislation.
4. Continue the Complaint Bureau.
5. Assist in movement for new state constitution.
6. Assist in movement for a State Tax Commission and a mortgage recording tax.

B. Public Health.

1. Continued campaign for smoke abatement.
2. Continued campaign for control of odors.
3. Suppression of unnecessary noise.
4. More tree planting.

C. City's Sightliness.

1. Further control of signs on buildings.
2. Further restrictions of bill boards in residence districts.

D. Public Safety.

1. Ordinance for removal of snow and ice from sidewalks.
2. Better traffic regulations.
3. Further removal of wires and poles from streets.
4. Regulation of unsafe theatres.
5. Extension of powers of fire chief to protect life.
6. Less crowding of street cars.

E. Miscellaneous.

1. Suppression of street begging.
2. Better provisions for law-breakers.
3. Extension and improvement of public markets.
4. Aid in City Planning, extension of Parks and Boulevards, care and improvement of streets.

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THE LEAGUE'S WORK FOR ST. LOUIS IN 1916.

The matters to which the League was committed in its program adopted in 1915 were taken up actively by the twenty committees. Many of the movements were brought to a successful conclusion. Others were pushed as far as we could go.

Following is an account of all the important activities of the committees for the year ending September, 1916. Many minor activities are omitted. Much of the work cannot be set down to our credit, for it was done through the co-operation of public officials to whom the credit of carrying out suggestions naturally goes.

Four matters were agreed upon a year ago as the big work of the League, namely:

First: A complete revision of the system of nominating and electing city officers.

Second: Efficiency in city government.

Third: Increased neighborhood use of public school buildings.

Fourth: Campaign for making the School Board appointive by the Mayor.

NON-PARTISAN CITY ELECTIONS.

The chief plank in the League's platform during the year was a new system of nominating and electing city officials—by (1) abolishing party names on ballots, (2) substituting nominations by petition instead of by primary, (3) electing the mayor, comptroller and president of the Board of Aldermen by a majority instead of a plurality vote, and (4) by electing the Board of Aldermen to represent every large group in the city instead of one political party.

In order to popularize the new campaign, the League organized the Municipal Ballot Conference, composed of a large number of organizations and citizens active for better government. Two ordinances were introduced in the Board of Aldermen. One submitted to the voters at the November election a charter amendment covering the changes outlined above. The other was an ordinance which would have brought about all the changes except that relating to the election of the Board of Aldermen, which could be accomplished only by a charter amendment. At the same time this second ordinance was also proposed by initiative petition. Canvassers were employed and volunteers enlisted to secure the requisite number of signatures to force the matter to a vote of the people if the Board of Aldermen failed to act. The petition was not filed with the Board of Election Commissioners because the Board of Aldermen passed the ordinance submitting the charter amendment to the people at the November election.

An active campaign for the adoption of the charter amendment was waged by the Municipal Ballot Conference, acting under the name "Non-Partisan Ballot Committee." The League's employees gave a consid-

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erable part of their time to the work. The amendment was defeated by a vote of 62,051 to 47,416. The committee regarded the verdict as a practical victory for the principle, for it demonstrated an extensive sentiment for non-partisan city elections, though at a presidential election with prohibition on the ballot, a full and fair expression of opinion could hardly be expected. The Conference plans to re-submit it at the earliest practicable date.

EFFICIENCY IN PUBLIC SERVICE.

Hours of Work. The committee made an exhaustive study of the hours of work of city employees, vacations, sick leaves, and the like, and submitted a report to the Efficiency Board and to the Mayor. No action was taken.

Efficiency Board Appropriation. The committee urged before the Board of Estimate an appropriation to provide for a study by the Efficiency Board of the classification of positions and the standardization of salaries throughout the city's service. The appropriation was not secured. The committee then attempted to have the salaries of two members of the Efficiency Board reduced to accord with the time they give to the work, and also thereby to secure the funds for doing the work of classifying and standardizing employees. The Board of Aldermen defeated two such bills.

The Weeke Case. The appointment of Henry L. Weeke as superintendent of excavations in the street department was challenged by the committee as a violation of the charter provisions, and a suit was filed in the Circuit Court by Elmer E. Percy, the League's attorney, to test the validity of the appointment.

Mullanphy Board Appointees. The appointment of employees by the Mullanphy Board outside of the Efficiency Board's list was also challenged by the committee, and, after the Mullanphy Board and the Mayor refused to act, the League's attorney presented the case to the Attorney General, where it now rests (January 1st).

Rules of the Efficiency Board. When the rules of the Efficiency Board were revised in the summer and fall of 1916 the committee went thoroughly over the proposed changes and secured a modification of several of them—approving on the whole, the final draft.

EDUCATION FOR CITIZENSHIP.

Immigrants. A hand-book for the use of immigrants coming to St. Louis and attending night school was prepared by the committee. The consent of the Board of Education to publish and use it in night school was secured.

City Flag. An unsuccessful attempt was made to popularize the new city flag by having it reproduced at a reasonable price.

First Voters. The City Club was asked to organize receptions to first-voters, but felt unable to undertake the work.

High Schools. The establishment of student organizations in the high schools to bring students in close touch with the problems of citizenship was discussed with high school principals, and a definite plan

was proposed to them. The work has been undertaken in one high school—the McKinley—under the direction of Principal Armand C. Miller.

Public School Social Centers. The committee's chief effort was to secure the appointment by the Park Commissioner of one employee on full time to organize social centers in school buildings. Such an employee is now working under a special agreement between the Park Commissioner and the Department of Instruction of the public schools.

The committee also worked to bring into the school buildings a multitude of neighborhood groups ordinarily meeting elsewhere. E. C. Sterling McKittrick was employed by the committee for six months on part time for that purpose, and succeeded in getting a great many groups interested in the use of school buildings.

During the year the rules relating to the use of school buildings out of school hours were completely revised by the Board of Education, and the committee was instrumental in securing more liberal provisions for the use of the buildings by citizens' organizations.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

Smoke Abatement. Our committee during the year kept in close touch with the work done by the city Smoke Abatement Department under the Building Commissioner. The following matters were actively taken up with the department:

1. Experiments with brick-kilns to eliminate smoke from that source, not before touched. The experiments were made and satisfactory results obtained.

2. Elimination of photographs as evidence in court cases, because of the expense and time involved. This was done in a number of cases with success.

3. Locating all high-pressure plants throughout the city in order to determine their relation to the smoke problem. A special study was made of these, locating them on a map, with notations showing those rated by the Department as bad and good.

The Women's Organization for Smoke Abatement secured and placed soot-gauges in twelve locations about the city, to test the amount of soot-fall. This will form the first accurate basis on which to measure results. It will afford a means of comparison with other cities. The chairman of our committee, Professor Ohle of the Mechanical Engineering Department at Washington University, has tests made monthly of each gauge.

An examination of the number of days on which smoke was dense for an hour or more was made by the United States Weather Bureau at the instance of the committee, in order to make comparison with previous years. It showed little or no change over a three-year period.

It was planned to take up the smoke nuisance originating in East St. Louis with the authorities there, but nothing definite was done.

Housing. The chief activity of the committee was to secure the passage of the bill regulating cheap lodging houses.

A general housing conference was formed by the League in which all organizations interested in housing were represented.

The League and the Conference together brought to St. Louis Lawrence Veiller, Secretary of the National Housing Association, who made a series of recommendations for St. Louis, chief of which was the establishment of a housing bureau at a budget of \$10,000 a year, in charge of a competent expert. A formal request was made on the St. Louis Community Trust Co. to finance such a bureau.

Tree Planting. The efforts of the committee have been directed entirely towards securing an ordinance in conformity with the charter provisions for the planting of trees along streets, by special assessments against benefited property. A bill backed by the League, the city forestry department and other organizations was passed, but vetoed by the Mayor because of objections from property-owners against additional special taxes. A similar bill has been re-introduced into the Board of Aldermen.

Clean-Up Campaign. The League co-operated in the conduct of the Continuous Clean-up and Paint-up Campaign, which was especially active for three or four months before the National Democratic Convention in June. The Secretary of the League served as Secretary of that campaign committee, and many of the activities were directly in charge of Civic League committee chairmen.

Unnecessary Noise. This committee attempted to push the two lines of action on which it had agreed, but both were found to be impracticable of achievement under present conditions.

First, the enforcement of existing ordinances relating to unnecessary noise.

Second, the enactment of new ordinances to reach evils not yet covered by ordinances.

The Board of Police Commissioners was unwilling to take up in a systematic way the matter of enforcing the present ordinances, and the committee is awaiting the appointment of a new board. Until such time as the present laws can be enforced the committee is unwilling to push actively the enactment of new laws.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Theaters. The committee followed up conditions in the six old theaters constructed before the present theater law was passed. The closing of the Olympic gallery was secured. An ordinance was recommended to the committee revising the building code, providing that all old theaters be brought under the new theater law within five years.

Powers of Fire Chief. Because the Fire Chief at present has little or no power to protect human life in case of fire, the committee drafted an ordinance extending his powers to cover any conditions in a building which would in case of fire endanger life. The ordinance will be introduced in the Board of Aldermen.

Wine Rooms. Several conferences were held to discuss the wine-room evil. Formal complaints were sent to public officials and con-

ferences were held with the Police and Excise Commissioners and the Governor in an effort to remedy conditions.

Traffic. The street committee assisted in drafting new traffic regulations for the down-town districts and has been instrumental in having traffic signs placed at dangerous crossings.

Amendments to the traffic laws were proposed, requiring moving vans and other vehicles to load and unload standing parallel with the curb.

Sidewalk Obstructions. A study was made of doors swinging out over sidewalks, in order, if possible, to remove this obstruction.

Newspaper boxes on street corners have had the attention of the committee and an ordinance regulating them considered.

The committee was active in urging the enforcement of the muffler cut-out ordinance.

Removal of Ice and Snow from the Sidewalks. The street committee drafted an ordinance for the removal of ice and snow from sidewalks by the city wherever property owners fail to act, the cost to be assessed against them.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Water-rates. The chief matter before the committee was the fixing of new water-rates. These were recommended by the Water Department, and re-established a special rate to manufacturers which had been abolished by ordinance a few years previous. This special manufacturers' rate was three times less than for the same amount of metered water used by merchants, jobbers, home-owners and others. This special rate also included laundries and swimming pools.

The committee opposed this gross discrimination, and was backed up by a four-to-one referendum vote of the membership. After the Board of Aldermen passed the bill, the League took the case to the Missouri State Public Service Commission at Jefferson City. Wm. F. Woerner, chairman of the Public Utilities Committee, handled the case throughout, and won a decision entirely favorable to our contention, under which the Board of Aldermen is required to revise the rates. The League was joined in the proceedings by the Central Civic Council and the Central Trades and Labor Union.

United Railways Service. Following the order of the State Public Service Commission requiring improvements in the service of the United Railways, the committee endeavored to see that a regular check was made to show that the company complied with the order. A member of the committee, Seward McKittrick, made careful tests over a number of days, which tended to show that the company was violating the commission's orders, since cars were unnecessarily crowded on many lines, both week-days and Sundays.

This report was forwarded to the State Commission, which declined to make a check because of the expense. The committee then agreed that the city should make a check regularly, and the proposal was put before the Public Utilities department. The Director held that an ordinance providing an appropriation and inspectors would have to be passed before that could be done. The matter rests now at that point.

THE CITY'S SIGHTLINESS.

Signs and Billboards. The committee devoted itself to three matters:

1st. Elimination of all posters placed on private property without permission. An ordinance was drafted to control this nuisance making the advertiser and poster both liable. It was introduced into the Board of Aldermen, but failed of passage. The chief objection was to making the advertiser responsible, because of the possibility of its misuse in political campaigns and in labor troubles.

2nd. To control signs on roofs, not at present regulated by ordinance. An ordinance was drafted in co-operation with the leading sign companies and submitted to the committee revising the building code.

3rd. The control of billboards in residential blocks by requiring the consent of two-thirds of the property-owners before billboards can be erected. This bill was prepared and will be introduced at a later date.

Wires and Poles. The committee has been studying means of extending the district in which wires and poles must be removed, and wires placed underground. The city now removes four miles a year under an ordinance secured by the League. The streets committee is endeavoring to have the mileage extended.

The removal of two poles standing in the middle of the street on Laurel Avenue near Delmar has proved to be a trying little problem, full of legal and practical complications.

Auto Drives for Visitors. The committee, in conjunction with the street department, has prepared maps of auto drives in the city and county, primarily for the use of visitors, with the idea of having them published and placed in hotels and on news stands. The maps have been finished, but means of publication have not yet been found.

Rubbish Boxes. The committee examined carefully the proper locations for several hundred boxes and recommended them to the street department—the recommendations have been very largely followed.

SOCIAL SERVICE.

The committee's activities have been directed to the following matters:

Eliminating Street Begging. Co-operation with the Department of Public Welfare, Police Department and the Provident Association largely diminished the number of infirm and blind persons begging on the streets, by making better provisions for their care.

Police-Women. Conferences were held with the Board of Police Commissioners in regard to the duties of police-women. The committee assisted in securing their assignment to duties relating to public morals.

Children on the Stage. In co-operation with the State Factory Inspector and Prosecuting Attorney, the League secured an agreement keeping children off the stage in all commercial entertainments, and has helped enforce it by reporting numerous cases.

Juvenile Court. In co-operation with other agencies the committee presented to the circuit judges a petition for relieving the judge of the juvenile court of all duties in the criminal court and assigning him only to non-jury cases, so that he would have plenty of time for the juvenile court and a longer period of service.

Children's Building. A protest was made against the location of the children's building behind the city jail, but without avail.

Lighting of Moving Picture Shows. An ordinance providing sufficient light in moving picture shows, in the interest of both morals and safety, was prepared after tests had been made under the direction of a member of the committee. The bill was introduced in the Board of Aldermen.

Municipal Lodging House. Provision for a new municipal lodging-house to take the place of the old quarters in the Fourt Courts Building, which has been torn down, was actively urged by the committee. An emergency ordinance for the purpose was passed.

Mullanphy Board. The appointment by the Mullanphy Board of inspectors for the Traveler's Aid Bureau outside the Efficiency Board's eligible lists was vigorously protested. After conferences with the Mullanphy Board in which they refused to change their position, the matter was taken to the Mayor, and when he refused to act, a petition was sent to the Attorney-General asking him to intervene.

The committee drafted and secured the passage of a bill under which the City Counselor was directed to file suit in the courts for permission to extend the uses of the Mullanphy fund for others than "travelers on their way bona fide to settle in the west."

MUNICIPAL FINANCE AND TAXATION.

Taxation. The committee went into the matter of a revision of the Missouri tax laws with Prof. Isidor Loeb of the State University and F. N. Judson, and helped to start the movement for a state tax commission and a recording tax on mortgages.

School Finances. In order to save the school board money, the committee opposed the granting of a permit for a railroad switch opposite a proposed school site, on property owned by the Parker-Washington Co.

The financial-educational survey made by experts employed by the school board was actively urged by the committee as a necessary preliminary to the proposed general bond issue. The proposed bond issue which followed this survey was endorsed.

City Finances. Conferences were held with the special committee of the Board of Aldermen in regard to the merchants' and manufacturers' license tax.

Members of the committee examined the proposed city budget for 1917 and appeared with suggestions at the hearings before the Board of Estimate.

PARKS AND BOULEVARDS.

Boulevards. The committee has attempted to get poles and wires removed from the main thoroughfares. Under the present ordinances only four miles of wires and poles are removed a year and it is impossible to get more done. The committee is considering amending the ordinance to require wires to be taken off main thoroughfares.

An extension along main thoroughfares of the artistic street lamps, chosen after a competition held by the League, is also advocated by the committee. The co-operation of the Welsbach Co., which holds the city lighting contract, has been secured.

Tree Planting in Parks. The committee secured an agreement between the Superintendent of Schools and the Park Commissioner under which each graduating class of the grade schools is encouraged to plant a tree in a public park as a memorial to the class. All principals have been notified of the arrangement.

Bird Boxes. The construction of bird-boxes by the manual training classes of the public schools was actively taken up by the committee and a report made to the Department of Instruction on the number needed, the type, and the parks in which they should be placed. The co-operation of the Park Department was secured, and the boxes are being made.

Special matters taken up by the committee during the year were the further use of two parks under the jurisdiction of the Water Department (Bissell's Point and the Compton Heights Reservoir Park); the traffic entrance at the Kingshighway entrance to Forest Park and the completion of Kingshighway Northeast.

PUBLIC MARKETS.

The committee continued to push the four recommendations made a year ago, but which they were unable to get adopted by the Board of Aldermen:

1. The sale of produce by weight instead of by measure.
2. Reservation of space on the streets throughout the city for farmers' street markets.
3. Placing of public markets under the jurisdiction of the Health Commissioner.
4. The employment of a market inspector by the city.

CITY PLANNING.

City planning is being so actively carried forward by the City Plan Commission and the Citizens' City Plan Committee that the League committee has had very little to do this year. Among the matters taken up are the following:

1. The widening of Washington Avenue was taken up by the committee in an effort to expedite the work, which is still in the hands of the commissioners appointed to assess damages and benefits.
2. The committee joined other organizations in urging an appropriation to the City Plan Commission for making a districting plan of the

city under which residential and factory property will be properly controlled and separated.

3. Among other matters taken up by the committee in conjunction with other organizations were the widening of Twelfth Street south of the Mill Creek Valley, the purchase of the Dent property at Fourth and Cerre Streets, in which General Grant was married, and the drafting of a constitutional amendment for excess condemnation.

CO-OPERATION.

The League maintains organized co-operation with other citizens' organizations through:

(1) The Central Civic Council representing fifteen improvement associations, and of which the League office has been the executive agent since it started, in 1911.

(2) The Conference of Federations, representing the nine leading federations active in social and public service, of which the League office is also the executive agent.

(3) The Municipal Ballot Conference.

(4) The Continuous Clean-up and Paint-up Campaign Committee.

(5) The Mayor's Conference.

PUBLICITY.

The committee supervised the publications of the League, our newspaper publicity and also attempted to secure in magazines of national circulation a larger recognition of what St. Louis is doing. In addition the committee discussed the publication of a city manual by the city government, containing all information about public offices and a list of all officials; and a city journal, to be published monthly, carrying legislative proceedings and all the city's legal advertising, instead of using daily newspapers for these purposes.

MEMBERSHIP.

The League conducted a campaign during the winter of 1915-16. The net result was 216 new members. The total membership on October 1, 1916, was 1805 as against 1843 on October 1, 1915. During the year 19 members were removed by death, 29 by removal from the city and 310 by withdrawal from the League, either for non-payment of dues or by resignation.

COMPLAINTS.

Complaint-cards on which members registered nuisances and needed local improvements were sent out twice during the year. One hundred and eleven complaints were received from members and taken up with various city departments by the office. A majority of these related to condition of streets and alleys, and the smoke nuisance.

WARD REPRESENTATIVES.

Sixty members of the League have served as ward representatives during the year, responding to requests for reporting nuisances and needed public improvements in their neighborhoods. These representatives serve in practically all wards in the city.

MEMBERS' MEETINGS.

The annual meeting was held at the City Club on March 15, 1916, President John H. Gundlach presiding, with 250 members present. The principal speaker was Frederick C. Howe, U. S. Immigration Commissioner, New York, who spoke on "The City of Tomorrow."

Monthly luncheon meetings were held at the American Annex every month from October to May, at which matters actively in the hands of League committees were discussed.

ANNUAL ELECTION.

The following members of the Executive Board were duly nominated and elected at the annual meeting March 15, 1916:

Hanford Crawford
Geo. O. Carpenter, Jr.,
Wm. F. Woerner
Mrs. Philip N. Moore
Miss Charlotte Rumbold

During the year the Board lost by death Mr. Chas. A. Stix, who had been for many years a member of the Executive Board, and for two years had served faithfully as the League's President. Mr. Stix' place was filled by the election of Mr. Aaron Fuller, one of his partners.

PUBLICATIONS.

The League published and distributed the following publications between September 1st, 1915, and August 31st, 1916:

Year Book, 1915-16.

A New System of City Elections for St. Louis, May, 1916.

Keep the Schools out of Politics, July, 1916.

Mimeographed Reports.

During the year the following reports were mimeographed and distributed:

Wrapped Bread for St. Louis.

Report of Public Utilities Committee on Water Rates.

Report on Housing in St. Louis, by Lawrence Veiller.

Report of Public Safety and Law Enforcement Committee on Efficiency of the St. Louis Police Department, July 10, 1916.

OFFICERS, 1916-17.

(To April, 1917)

Augustus L. Abbott.....	President
Hanford Crawford.....	First Vice-President
John H. Gundlach.....	Second Vice-President
Geo. Oliver Carpenter, Jr.....	Treasurer
Roger N. Baldwin.....	Secretary
Herman Dacus.....	Assistant Secretary
(Succeeding Scott R. DeKins, Resigned December 31, 1916.)	
Chas. J. Dolan.....	Financial Secretary
Elmer E. Percy.....	Attorney
Price-Waterhouse & Co.....	Honorary Accountants

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Augustus L. Abbott, Chairman

James E. Allison	Clarence H. Howard
Geo. Oliver Carpenter, Jr.	Dr. R. Emmet Kane
Hanford Crawford	Mrs. Philip N. Moore
Frank P. Crunden	Charlotte Rumbold
Aaron Fuller	Tyrrell Williams
Flint Garrison	Wm. F. Woerner
John H. Gundlach	

ADVISORY BOARD

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J. Lionberger Davis	Chas. Rebstock
E. C. Eliot	A. H. Reller
Dr. W. H. Fuchs	O'Neill Ryan
Robert C. Grier	Luther Ely Smith
Edward Hidden	Paul J. Wielandy
Mrs. E. R. Kroeger	J. M. Wulfling

John A. Lewis

The League is represented in the following co-operative organizations by the delegates named:

Central Council of Social Agencies—Mrs. Philip N. Moore, W. J. Fischer.

Central Civic Council—Roger N. Baldwin, Abe Manheimer.

The Civic League is a member of the National Municipal League and of the American Civic Association.

COMMITTEES AND PROGRAM FOR 1917.

<i>Committees</i>	<i>Public Departments under Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Program of Work</i>
City Plan Committee T. C. Young, Chmn. E. J. Russell, Vice-Chmn. F. E. A. Curley J. H. Gundlach John A. Lewis W. S. Mitchell C. A. Moreno Guy Study Mrs. E. W. Pattison Henry Wright	Art Museum Public Library Art Room City Plan Commission	Excess Condemnation Districting
Education for Citizenship Percival Chubb, Chmn. A. E. Bostwick, Vice-Chmn. Geo. P. Knox T. H. MacQueary John J. Maddox Dr. E. Geo. Payne Harry Ter Braak C. J. Rathmann W. E. Morgan	Public Library and all public and private schools	Ethics booklet Americanization booklet High School plan Recognition of first voters.
Efficiency in Public Service Edw. Flad, Chmn. Hugo Muench, Vice-Chmn. Francis M. Curlee Frank B. Coleman Alexander Galt M. J. Gilbert P. A. Griswold Thos. H. Rogers	Efficiency Board	Hours of Labor Appointments Classifying and standardizing salaries.
Housing Committee E. J. Russell, Chmn. Chas. Wiggins, Vice-Chmn. Miss Mary Alexander Mrs. Edmond F. Brown Geo. A. Randolph J. P. Jamieson C. M. McDonald Robert Roessel Horace M. Swope Wm. Wedemeyer Henry Wright Guy Study Mrs. H. C. Johnson	Building Commissioner Housing inspection in the Health Department	Housing program Vaults New law on sinks Co-operation with City Plan Committee

<i>Committees</i>	<i>Public Departments under Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Program of Work</i>
Municipal Finance and Taxation Committee Jas. H. Brookmire, Chmn. L. Ray Carter, Vice-Chmn. Simon Frank Prof. W. F. Gephart D. L. Grey H. P. Hubbell Dr. F. L. Magoon Chas. M. Rice H. B. Wallace E. K. Love S. L. Moser Prof. A. M. Custer	Comptroller Collector Fiscal Dept. Board of Education Commissioner of Supplies License Collector Treasurer City Register Assessor State Board of Equalization	School Bonds State Tax Commission Mortgage recording tax
Parks and Boulevards Committee E. A. Gessler, Chmn. Parker Woods, Vice-Chmn. E. J. Spencer Wm. H. Gruen Fred S. Hall L. P. Jensen Jerome Karst Albert Wenzlick A. S. Werremeyer W. A. Wheeland O. P. Blake	Division of Parks Board of Commissioners of Tower Grove Park Local improvements by special taxes	Kingshighway Bird boxes in parks Parks of the Water Department
Public Health Committee Dr. R. Emmet Kane, Chmn. Wm. S. Bedal, Vice-Chmn. Fred Armstrong, Jr. Dr. F. L. Bishop Mrs. W. A. Hardaway Vincent McShane Dr. Burton L. Thorpe Mrs. J. B. Shapleigh Mrs. A. E. Bostwick Dr. R. E. Wobus	Health Commissioner Public Comfort Stations Sewer Division Water Department Health Department—milk inspection and the City Chemist's office (Odor nuisance) (Street car heating and ventilating)	Street car heating Sanitary inspection by the police Odor nuisance Disposal of waste Bread wrapping
Public Markets Prof. W. F. Gephart, Chairman J. M. Wulfig A. B. Remick Hanford Crawford H. B. Morse W. A. Smith	Commissioner of Weights and Measures Market Masters City Meat Inspector Local office U. S. Bureau of Food Inspection State Food and Drug Commissioner	Pound ordinance Transfer of markets' control to Health Commissioner

<i>Committees</i>	<i>Public Departments under Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Program of Work</i>
Public Safety and Law Enforcement Committee Jas. E. King, Chmn. J. D. Johnson, Vice-Chmn. G. E. Norton Homer Hall M. P. McArdle A. B. Ewing Edward D'Arcy Herbert Arnstein Oscar R. Ewing	Department Public Safety Fire Department Fire Marshal Police Department Building Commissioner Excise Commissioner Circuit Attorney Prosecuting Attorney	Records in excise department Wine rooms Theatres Ordinance extending fire chief's power Continue Complaint Bureau
Public School Social Centers Committee Charlotte Rumbold, Chmn. J. Lionberger Davis, Vice-Chmn. H. M. Swope Dwight F. Davis	Board of Education	Organize civic clubs in each school district Co-operate with Park Department in developing school centers
Public Utilities Committee Manton Davis, Chmn. R. H. Calkins Wm. F. Woerner F. G. Donnell Garner Penney Ephrim Caplan J. S. Lionberger Edward M. Eliot Walter F. Schelp	State Public Service Commission Director Public Utilities	United Railways Service Water rates
Short Ballot Committee Percy Werner, Chmn. Dr. Wm. Preston Hill E. M. Grossman F. P. O'Hare Julian M. Gibson F. M. Curlee J. F. Hines H. L. Wells	Election Commissioners (and election laws)	Assist in movement for State Constitution.
Signs and Bill Boards Committee J. L. Barngrove, Chmn. R. E. Maritz A. W. Moise Carl G. Waldeck L. B. Schultz E. C. Klipstein F. W. Risque	Building Commissioner	Signs on buildings ordinance Poster advertising New bill boards in residence districts

<i>Committees</i>	<i>Public Departments under Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Program of Work</i>
Smoke Abatement Committee Prof. E. L. Ohle, Chmn. S. B. Russell, Vice-Chmn. H. J. Bostwick William Chauvenet Walter Diehm Jas. F. Hudson Dr. L. L. Luton Wm. S. Mitchell C. E. Smith Mrs. E. R. Kroeger	Smoke inspection department	Court records Railroads Permits for kilns
Social Service Committee Mrs. P. N. Moore, Chmn. Dr. W. C. G. Kirchner, Vice-Chmn. Dr. H. J. Scherck Rev. G. R. Dodson Miss M. E. Bulkley Miss Cora Hoffman Dr. Geo. B. Mangold Rev. Arthur Brittain Jesse P. Smith Chas. H. Stix C. M. Hubbard Mrs. Burton L. Thorpe Mrs. J. A. Dickinson Byron F. Babbitt	Playgrounds State Employment Bureau Municipal Lodging House Attendance Department City Jail Industrial School Infirmary Mayor's Relief Fund City Hospital Mullanphy Fund Juvenile Court and House of Detention City Dispensaries Special Schools Public Baths Department of Hygiene Board of Education Department of Public Welfare Division of Hospitals City Courts Board of Children's Guardians Infectious Hospital	Municipal Lodging House Street begging Police women Lighting of theatres Psychopathic Clinic
Streets Committee Geo. C. Mackay, Chmn. Geo. O. Carpenter, Jr., Vice-Chmn. A. P. Greensfelder Cliff R. Croninger J. T. Dodds Dr. Archer O'Reilly Henry S. Hartzog Walter E. Levis Abe Manheimer	Street cleaning and street sprinkling sections Street construction Traffic Street lighting	Wires and poles Muffler cut-out Better traffic regulations Removal of snow and ice from sidewalks

<i>Committees</i>	<i>Public Departments under Jurisdiction</i>	<i>Program of Work</i>
Tree Planting Committee Dr. S. P. Spencer, Chmn. Chas. Rebstock, Vice-Chmn. Mrs. G. O. Carpenter F. N. Cheney Mrs. Percival Chubb J. B. Denvir, Jr. H. W. Endres Chas. W. Fullgraf H. C. Irish Mrs. G. S. Mephram H. Von Schrenk H. N. Spencer, Jr. W. J. Stevens B. S. Thompson W. S. Wells F. A. Weber	City Forester	Tree planting by special assessment

The following committees do not cover the activities of city departments and are therefore listed separately:

Publicity Committee:—B. E. Chappelow, Chmn.; Howard G. Cook, Andrew L. Bostwick, Allen W. Clark, Bernard Greensfelder, Byron W. Moser.

Special Committee on Unnecessary Noise:—Paul Blackwelder, Chmn.; Dr. Burton Lee Thorpe, E. A. Ferrenbach, Jr., Dr. Frances L. Bishop, E. S. Funsten.

Organization Committee:—Cliff R. Croninger, Chmn.

The Organization Committee is composed of the following sub-committees:

Members' Meetings:—Perry Post Taylor, Chmn.; James C. Shaner, Harold Hecker, H. N. Spencer, Jr., Richard A. Bullock.

Members' Activities:—W. B. Jones, Chmn.; Lewis S. Haslam, Albert Hausman, Mrs. Ernst Jonas, T. G. Morfit, Mrs. G. V. R. Mechin, J. Sydney Salkey.

Resignations:—Richard Calkins, Chmn.; Thos. H. Rogers, Wilbur B. Jones, Abe Manheimer.

Women's Membership Committee:—Miss Mary E. Bulkley, Chmn.; Mrs. R. J. Terry, Mrs. C. L. Royce, Mrs. Elias Michael, Miss Margaret Kennedy, Mrs. Geo. Dobler, Mrs. L. M. McCall.

Citizens' Committee for an Appointive School Board:—E. M. Grossman, Chmn.; Augustus L. Abbott, Louis P. Aloe, R. S. Colnon, John B. Edwards, Edward C. Eliot, Jos. L. Hornsby, Chas. J. Fox, Frederick N. Judson, Dr. Frank L. Magoon, Harold H. Tittmann.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 29, 1916.

Balance on hand March 1st, 1915..... \$ 350.44

Receipts.

From Membership Dues:

Regular (\$2.00).....	\$1,316.00	
Regular (\$5.00).....	4,285.00	
Sustaining (\$10.00).....	710.00	
Honorary (\$25.00).....	1,325.00	
Special (\$50.00).....	350.00	
Special (\$100.00).....	500.00	
General	46.00	
		8,532.00

Sundry Receipts:

Surplus of special underwriters' fund.....	\$ 191.00	
Lecture fees	30.00	
Refund of city plan expenses.....	21.25	
Sundries	8.99	251.24

Total receipts.....\$9,133.68

Expenditures.

Debts outstanding, 1915.....	\$ 210.00	
Salaries	6,895.70	
Postage	694.50	
Stationery and printing.....	800.44	
Rent and telephones.....	679.47	
Miscellaneous	611.88	
"Greater St. Louis Committee".....	6.25	

Total expenditures.....\$9,898.24

Debit balance, February 29th, 1916 (covered by loan).....\$ 764.56

Municipal Art Fund.

Balance in bank March 1st, 1915.....	\$ 210.15	
Accrued interest	1.69	

\$ 211.84

Contribution to city plan exhibition..... 100.00

Balance in bank, February 29, 1916.....\$ 111.84

SPECIAL SUBSCRIBERS.

The League's expenses are met by dues and subscriptions from members. During the year up to February 29, 1916, 658 members paid \$2 a year dues, 857 paid \$5, and 136 other amounts. The following members subscribed sums of \$25 or over during the year:

Ben Alzheimer	Aaron Fuller	Geo. A. Meyer
American Brake Co.	Flint Garrison	Mississippi Valley Tr. Co.
Anheuser-Busch Brewing Assn.	Benjamin Gratz	Moon Motor Co.
Julius Baer	J. H. Gundlach	Mrs. I. W. Morton
Sigmund Baer	Wm. E. Guy	Dr. H. G. Mudd
Jos. D. Bascom	F. V. Hammar	National Candy Co.
H. E. Bridge	Edward Hidden	Paris Medicine Co.
Brown Shoe Co.	C. A. Homer	Jos. Pulitzer, Jr.
Aug. A. Busch	C. H. Howard	Tom Randolph
B. F. Bush	Hoyt Metal Co.	A. H. Reller
Geo. O. Carpenter	Mrs. J. B. M. Kehlor	F. A. Ruf
D. K. Catlin	J. Kennard & Son	St. Louis Brewing Assn.
Daniel Catlin	Claude Kilpatrick	E. C. Simmons
Condie-Bray Glass Co.	H. P. Knapp	Geo. W. Simmons
Theophilus Conzelman	Wm. Lothman	L. E. Smith
F. P. Crunden	N. A. McMillan	W. H. Steele
D. F. Davis	Miss Emily Maffitt	C. A. Stix
Jno. D. Davis	Edw. Mallinckrodt	Aaron Waldheim
Famous-Barr D. G. Co.	Edw. Mallinckrodt, Jr.	Chas. Wiggins
W. J. Fischer	Geo. D. Markham	A. E. Winkelmeyer
Mrs. C. L. Fowler	J. L. Mauran	L. B. Woodward
		W. B. Woodward

The following members contributed to the deficit fund which was collected in March, 1916, to cover the deficit of \$764 at the close of the fiscal year:

A. L. Abbott	Alex. Gast	H. L. Prange
T. R. Akin	J. H. Gundlach	Chas. Rebstock
J. E. Allison	Lewis Haslam	A. H. Reller
L. P. Aloe	Jas. A. Hooke	Miss Eunice Smith
Anheuser-Busch Brewing Assn.	C. H. Howard	E. J. Spencer
G. H. Augustine	G. C. Howes	E. B. Stinde
Boatmen's Bank	Mrs. M. E. Huse	C. A. Stix
R. A. Boyle	Mrs. R. M. McK. Jones	C. A. Stockstrom
J. H. Brookmire	F. N. Judson	R. H. Stockton
A. A. Busch	Dr. R. E. Kane	Horace Swope
G. O. Carpenter, Jr.	G. J. Kendall	E. D. Tilton
L. R. Carter	E. K. Ludington	J. C. Van Riper
Ephron Catlin	M. J. May	J. A. Waterworth
Hanford Crawford	F. E. Miller	Percy Werner
F. P. Crunden	Miss J. L. Moller	P. J. Wielandy
W. H. Danforth	Mrs. I. W. Morton	C. Wiggins
J. L. Davis	Fritz Nisbet	M. L. Wilkinson
P. B. Fouke	Miss Letitia Parker	J. M. Wulfin
	C. P. Pettus	

